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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/671,950	<b>Applicant(s)</b> JAEGER, DENNY	
	<b>Examiner</b> Michael Roswell	<b>Art Unit</b> 2173	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Priority***

The later-filed application must be an application for a patent for an invention which is also disclosed in the prior application (the parent or original nonprovisional application or provisional application). The disclosure of the invention in the parent application and in the later-filed application must be sufficient to comply with the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. See *Transco Products, Inc. v. Performance Contracting, Inc.*, 38 F.3d 551, 32 USPQ2d 1077 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

The disclosure of the prior-filed application, Application No. 09/785,049, fails to provide adequate support or enablement in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 for claim 3 of this Application.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tou et al (US Patent 6,032,163, hereinafter Tou).

Tou teaches a click-and-drag method in an electronic device including the steps of: determining the position of a mouse cursor on a text object, if the cursor is over a paragraph, move the paragraph the same amount as the click-and-drag movement of the mouse, if the

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cursor is over the top of a line, move the line the same amount as the click-and-drag movement of the mouse, and if the cursor is over the left side of a line, adjust the individual left indent of the line the same amount as the click-and-drag movement of the mouse, as Tou discloses click-and-drag manipulation of onscreen "objects" such as text paragraphs, text lines, and margins, as seen at col. 9, lines 11-28 and col. 7, lines 8-22.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tou and Hinks et al (US Patent 5,678,039), hereinafter Hinks.

Regarding claims 4-6, Tou has been shown to teach a method for repositioning text portions by click-and-drag inputs as in claim 3.

However, Tou fails to explicitly teach changing the shape of the cursor depending on its location, and the storing of an object parameter based on the cursor location.

Hinks teaches a method for modifying the graphical properties of displayed objects, similar to that of Tou. Furthermore, Hinks teaches changing the shape of the cursor depending on its location, taught as the changing of a cursor into various arrow configurations based on location, at col. 14, line 62 through col. 15, line 3. Hinks further teaches storing object parameters based on cursor location, taught as the display of object values based on user

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manipulation, at col. 14, lines 30-41, the values inherently being stored in memory before display.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Tou and Hinks before him at the time the invention was made to modify the cursor of Tou to include the location dependent changes of Hinks. One would have been motivated to make such a combination for the advantage of displaying to a user the general function a subsequent cursor manipulation would produce, and information about selected objects.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 2 June 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument of pages 6-8 of the remarks, that Tou fails to explicitly teach the formatting techniques of claim 3, the examiner respectfully disagrees. The examiner contends that the claim limitations simply require determining the position of a cursor on a text object, and formatting that object through click-and-drag means. As stated above, Tou discloses click-and-drag manipulation of onscreen "objects" such as text paragraphs, text lines, and margins, as seen at col. 9, lines 11-28 and col. 7, lines 8-22. While applicant's specification and arguments contemplate "floating the cursor" and changing the display properties of the cursor in relation to a position, as argued on page 7 and page 8, neither of these limitations are present in claim 3.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Roswell whose telephone number is (571)272-4055. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on (571) 272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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